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Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to implement an agenda to Transform, Heal, and Renew by Investing in a Vibrant Economy (“THRIVE”).

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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# **RESOLUTION**

Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to implement an agenda to Transform, Heal, and Renew by Investing in a Vibrant Economy (“THRIVE”).

Whereas families and communities throughout the United States share similar hopes and dreams of a good life that is free from worry about meeting basic needs, with reliable and fulfilling work, a dignified and healthy standard of living, and the ability to enjoy time with loved ones;

Whereas the United States faces the stress of multiple, overlapping crises—old and new—that prevent the achievement of these fundamental human rights and needs, in which the COVID–19 pandemic has killed over 180,000 United States residents; tens of millions of United States workers remain unemployed; rising economic inequality has made working families vulnerable; tens of millions of individuals do not get the health care they need; and intensifying climate change increases the threats to our health, economy, and livelihoods;

Whereas these health, economic, and climate crises have magnified centuries-old injustices, causing high rates of death and hardship among Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities due to long-standing systemic racism—a fact spotlighted by an emerging, multiracial movement to end violence against Black people;

Whereas these crises are causing the inequitable workloads of women—particularly women of color—to grow, especially as women of color overwhelmingly make up the essential workforce, bearing the weight of the increased care needs of children, the elderly, and the sick;

Whereas, even before the COVID–19 crisis, many rural communities and independent family farmers suffered from poverty, declining economic opportunity, and alarming rates of farm bankruptcy, including loss of land from Black farmers and the exploitation of Black, Brown, and Indigenous farmers caused by predatory and racist public, private, and governmental institutions and policies;

Whereas the root of our interlocking economic and environmental crises is society’s historical willingness to treat some communities and workers as disposable;

Whereas it is necessary to counteract systemic injustice and value the dignity of all individuals in order to address unemployment, pandemics, or climate change and ensure the survival of the Nation and the planet;

Whereas the choices made in response to these crises will shape the United States direction for the 21st century and beyond, offering an opportunity to reshape our society to provide a good life for each of us and for our children and grandchildren; and

Whereas the United States has the means to support fulfilling livelihoods for millions of people—Black, Indigenous, Brown, Latinx, Asian/Pacific Islander, White, immigrant, urban and rural, old and young, of many faiths, genders, abilities, and talents—while working to heal harms, protect communities, and invest in a future that fosters justice, not crisis: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
- 2        resentatives that—
  - 3                (1) it is the duty of the Federal Government to
  - 4                respond to the crises of racial injustice, mass unem-

ployment, a pandemic, and climate change with a bold and holistic national mobilization, an Agenda to Transform, Heal, and Renew by Investing in a Vibrant Economy (“THRIVE”) (referred to in this resolving clause as the “Agenda”), to build a society that enables—

(A) greater racial, economic, and gender justice;

9 (B) dignified work;

10 (C) healthy communities; and

(D) a stable climate; and

12                   (2) such Agenda shall be assessed upon its abil-  
13                 ity to uphold its foundational pillars, including—

(i) investing in projects including—

17 (I) upgrading our broken infra-  
18 structure to expand access to clean  
19 and affordable energy, transportation,  
20 high-speed broadband, and water, par-  
21 ticularly for public systems;

22 (II) modernizing and retrofitting  
23 millions of homes, schools, offices, and  
24 industrial buildings to cut pollution  
25 and costs;

(III) investing in public health and care work, including by increasing jobs, protections, wages, and benefits for the historically unpaid and under-valued work of caring for children, the elderly, and the sick;

(IV) protecting and restoring wetlands, forests, and public lands, and cleaning up pollution in our communities;

(V) creating opportunities for family farmers and rural communities, including by untangling the hyper-consolidated food supply chain, bolstering regenerative agriculture, and investing in local and regional food systems that support farmers, agricultural workers, healthy soil, and climate resilience; and

(VI) developing and transforming the industrial base of the United States, while creating high-skill, high-wage manufacturing jobs across the country, including by expanding manufacturing of clean technologies, re-

ducing industrial pollution, and prioritizing clean, domestic manufacturing for the aforementioned investments;

(ii) prioritizing the mobilization of direct public investments, while excluding false solutions that—

(I) increase inequality;

(II) privatize public lands, water,

or nature;

(III) violate human rights;

(IV) expedite the destruction of

ecosystems; or

(V) decrease union density or  
memberships:

(iii) driving investment toward real employment, where every individual wishes to work has a viable pathway meaningful and dignified job with the right to form a union, including by establishing new public employment programs, as necessary; and

(iv) subjecting each job created under this Agenda to high-road labor standards that—

(I) require family-sustaining wages and benefits, including child care support;

(II) ensure safe workplaces;

(III) protect the rights of workers to organize; and

(IV) prioritize the hiring of local workers to ensure wages stay within communities to stimulate economic activity;

(B) building the power of workers to fight  
inequality by—

(i) reversing the corporate erosion of workers' organizing rights and bargaining power so that millions of new clean energy jobs, as well as millions of existing low-wage jobs across the economy, become the family-supporting union jobs that everyone deserves, including by—

(I) passing the bipartisan Protecting the Right to Organize Act;

(II) repealing the ban on secondary boycotts;

(III) requiring employer neutrality with regard to union organizing;

(IV) ensuring that “franchising” and other corporate structures may not be used to hinder collective bargaining on a company-wide, regional, or national basis;

(V) advancing sectoral bar-  
gaining in certain economic sectors;  
and

(VI) ensuring that no workers are misclassified as “independent contractors.”

(iii) creating ladders of opportunity, particularly for women and people of color, to access registered apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs in communities of all sizes across the country;

(C) investing in Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities to build power and counteract racial and gender injustice by—

(i) directing at least 40 percent of investments to communities that have been excluded, oppressed, and harmed by racist and unjust practices, including—

(I) communities of color;

## (II) low-income communities;

### (III) deindustrialized commu-

nities; and

#### (IV) communities facing environ-

mental injustice;

(ii) ensuring that investments in these  
communities enable

(I) the creation of good jobs with

### family-sustaining wages:

#### (II) economic ownership opportunity

nities that close the racial wealth gap:

### (III) pollution reduction:

#### (IV) climate resilience:

#### (V) small business support:

## (VI) economic opportunities for

## independent family farmers and

ranchers; and

## (VII) the expansion of public

services:

5 (iv) prioritizing local and equitable  
6 hiring and contracting that creates oppor-  
7 tunities for—

8 (I) people of color;

(II) immigrants, regardless of immigration status;

(III) formerly incarcerated individuals;

13 (IV) women;

14 (V) LGBTQIAP+ individuals;

(VI) disabled and chronically ill individuals; and

(VII) marginalized communities;

18 and

19 (v) providing access to quality work-  
20 force training, including through registered  
21 apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships to  
22 ensure real pathways to good careers, in-  
23 cluding those that have historically been  
24 inaccessible;

1                             (D) strengthening and healing the nation-  
2                             to-nation relationship with sovereign Native Na-  
3                             tions, including by—

4                                 (i) making systemic changes in Fed-  
5                             eral policies to honor the environmental  
6                             and social trust responsibilities to Native  
7                             Nations and their Peoples, which are es-  
8                             sential to tackling society's economic, envi-  
9                             ronmental, and health crises;

10                                 (ii) strengthening Tribal sovereignty  
11                             and enforcing Indian treaty rights by mov-  
12                             ing towards greater recognition and sup-  
13                             port of the inherent self-governance and  
14                             sovereignty of these nations and their  
15                             members; and

16                                 (iii) promulgating specific initiatives  
17                             that reflect the nuanced relationships be-  
18                             tween the Native Nations, including—

19                                 (I) the confirmation by Congress  
20                             that Tribal nations can exercise their  
21                             full and inherent civil regulatory and  
22                             adjudicatory authority over their own  
23                             citizens, lands, and resources, and  
24                             over activities within their Tribal  
25                             lands;

## (II) the codification of Free,

2 Prior, and Informed Consent as it re-  
3 lates to Tribal consultation; and

(E) combating environmental injustice and ensuring healthy lives for all, including by—

(i) curtailing air, water, and land pollution from all sources;

12 (ii) removing health hazards from  
13 communities;

(iii) replacing lead pipes to ensure clean water is available to all;

16 (iv) remediating the cumulative health  
17 and environmental impacts of toxic pollu-  
18 tion and climate change;

19 (v) ensuring that affected commu-  
20 nities have equitable access to public  
21 health resources that have been system-  
22 ically denied, which includes—

23 (I) upgrading unhealthy and  
24 overcrowded homes, public schools,  
25 and public hospitals;

#### (II) ensuring access to healthy

food, mental health support, and restorative justice; and

### (III) investing in universal

childcare, care for individuals with disabilities, senior care, and a robust care workforce; and

(vi) focusing these initiatives in Black,

Brown, and Indigenous communities that have endured disproportionately high death rates from COVID-19 due to higher exposure to air pollution and other cumulative health hazards as a result of decades of environmental racism;

(F) averting climate and environmental ca-

tastrophe, including by—

(i) contributing to a livable climate and environment for today and for future generations, including by—

(I) staying below 1.5 degrees Cel-

sius of global warming;

## (II) building climate resilience to

keep communities safe; and

### (III) ensuring sustainable re-

source use;

(ii) deploying investments and standards in the electricity, transportation, buildings, manufacturing, lands, and agricultural sectors to spur the largest expansion in history of clean, renewable energy, emissions reductions, climate resilience, and sustainable resource use;

(iii) transforming the power sector in order to move the country, by not later than 2035, to carbon pollution-free electricity that passes an environmental justice screen to prevent concentrating pollution in Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities;

(iv) prioritizing materials and parts that meet high labor, environmental, and human rights standards throughout the supply chain;

(v) supporting sustainable, domestic production of healthy, nutritious food that pays independent farmers and ranchers a fair price for their land stewardship; and

(vi) ensuring that funding under this Agenda goes to workers and communities affected by the economic and environ-

1                   mental crises, not to corporate fossil fuel  
2                   polluters;

3                   (G) ensuring fairness for workers and com-  
4                   munities affected by economic transitions by—  
5                   (i) guaranteeing that workers and  
6                   communities in industries and regions in  
7                   economic transition due to COVID–19, cli-  
8                   mate change, and other economic shocks  
9                   receive—

10                  (I) stable wages and benefits, in-  
11                  cluding full pension and health care;

12                  (II) early retirement offerings;

13                  (III) crisis and trauma support;

14                  and

15                  (IV) equitable job placement; and

16                  (ii) investing in transitioning areas to  
17                  support—

18                  (I) economic diversification;

19                  (II) high quality job creation;

20                  (III) community reinvestment;

21                  (IV) retooling and conversion;

22                  (V) reclamation and remediation  
23                  of closed and abandoned facilities and  
24                  sites;

## (VI) child and adult care infra-

structure; and

#### (VII) funding to shore up budget

shortfalls in local and State govern-

ments; and

(H) reinvesting in public sector institutions

that enable workers and communities to thrive

by—

(i) rebuilding vital public services and

strengthening social infrastructure in cities

and counties, health care systems, schools,

the postal service, and other services;

(ii) investing in equitable public edu-

cation opportunities, including career and

technical education pathways that prepare

youth—especially girls; Black, Brown, and

## Indigenous students; students with disabil-

ities; students from low-income families;

and other students from marginalized

groups—for high-quality jobs of the future,

and state of the art technology and

schools, so that from the beginning stu-

agents are prepared to transform society

and preserve democracy,

(iii) investing in the workers who provide care to children, the elderly, and communities burdened by neglect;

4 (iv) creating new public institutions,  
5 inspired by and improving upon New Deal-  
6 era institutions, to ensure universal access  
7 to critical resources and to strategically  
8 and coherently mobilize and channel in-  
9 vestments, in line with the above priorities,  
10 at the scale and pace that these times re-  
11 quire; and

12 (v) coupling this institutional renewal  
13 with democratic governance and account-  
14 ability to correct the systemic misallocation  
15 of resources and representation that pre-  
16 vents families and communities from meet-  
17 ing fundamental human needs and pur-  
18 suing fulfilling lives.

